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TAGS: CASC, AR
SUBJECT: 1977 DISAPPEARANCE IN ARGENTINA OF BILLY
-- LEE HUNT

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO MENDOZA, ARGENTINA HE MET ON MARCH 3 WITH EVIE LOU HUNT, THE SISTER OF BILLY LEE HUNT, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO DISAPPEARED IN MENDOZA ON APRIL 8, 1977. AMBASSADOR TOLD MISS HUNT THAT THE EMBASSY CONTINUES ITS INTEREST IN BILLY'S CASE AND HAD AGAIN SENT A NOTE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT ASKING FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO HIS WHEREABOUTS. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE ALMOST SIX YEARS THAT HAVE PAST SINCE HIS DISAPPEARANCE, HE COULD HOLD OUT LITTLE HOPE THAT BILLY WAS STILL ALIVE.

2. MISS HUNT SAID THAT SHE HAD MADE REPEATED ATTEMPTS WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF HER BROTHER. ASIDE FROM ONE FALSE LEAD, SHE UNCOVERED NO INFORMATION AS TO BILLY'S WHEREABOUTS. SHE SAID THAT THERE WAS STRONG EVIDENCE IMPLYING HER BROTHER HAD BEEN ABDUCTED BY PERSONNEL FROM THE 8TH ARMY INFANTRY BRIGADE (SHE IN FACT HAS A COPY OF A CAPTURE ORDER, ISSUED BY THE 8TH BRIGADE); HOWEVER, THE BRIGADE NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED HER BROTHER'S DETENTION NOR EVEN THAT HE WAS BEING SOUGHT. MISS HUNT SAID THAT SHE HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM THE NEW GOVERNMENT BUT WAS DOUBTFUL THAT ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE FOUND. MISS HUNT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE EMBASSY FOR ITS EFFORTS IN HER BROTHER'S CASE.
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